find it difficult to maintain their cattle; the rain-fall here is very scanty and means of irrigation deficient. Certain tracts have been reserved as Fuel Preserves and watchers employed for them. In some places the Fuel Preserves are close to the villages and the village cattle are not allowed to graze in them. Want of rain and fodder is much felt here. Therefore it is prayed that Fuel Preserves may be abolished.

Dewan's reply.—What was abolished was the practice of levying seigniorage on fuel brought into towns for sale without being covered by free or paid licenses authorizing the fuel to be cut in Government jungles. It is not possible to allow firewood to be cut indiscriminately on all Government land. The present orders are that Fuel Preserves should be demarcated after making due provision for the requirements of villagers for free cutting, grazing, &c., and fees are prescribed for cutting or grazing only within these preserves. The Deputy Commissioner will see that there is no excessive reservation, if representations are made to him in individual cases of inconvenience or hardship.

Subject No. 99.

Patel and Shanbhog Hakdars to officiate by turns.

Summary of discussion.—The offices of Patel and Shanbhog are hereditary. When there are several hakdars for such offices, one of them is appointed officiator to do duty and the others left unprovided for. Then on the officiator's death, the hak passes to his descendants. Thus the other hakdars get no chance of enjoying the office at all. Therefore arrangements should be made by which the hakdars may officiate by turns.

Dewan's reply.—Rules to this effect are under consideration and will be soon introduced. (See Subject No. 113 below).

Subject No. 100.

Urgent need for a Musafarkhana and Chattram at Holalkere.

Summary of discussion.—Railway trains arrive at the Holalkere Station at midnight. Passengers have no place to halt there and are thus put to much inconvenience. Therefore, a Musafarkhana and a Chattram should be constructed near the Railway Station and a well sunk there.

Dewan's reply.—These will be soon provided.

Subject No. 101.

English Teacher for each Kanarese school needed, chiefly at Talya.

Summary of discussion.—English knowing Masters should be appointed, one for each Kanarese school, to allow of English being taught to such as wish to pay for and learn it. There is a particular demand for this at the Talya Hobli school.

Dewan's reply.—A grant-in-aid may be given to the Talya Hobli school if applied for.

Subject No. 102

The Marikanave Project.

Summary of discussion.—The Marikanave project which has long been under consideration, should be started early for the benefit both of Government and of the raiyats in the Chitaldroog District, which is a region of frequent droughts and deficient water-supply.